



# THE BRITISH COLONIST

Monday Morning, May 18, 1863.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

All advertisements, unless the time for which they are to be inserted is specified, will be continued until ordered out, and so charged.

## JOB PRINTING.

Book and Job Printing of every description neatly executed. Terms, cash on delivery of the work.

## GOLD ESCORT.

The determination arrived at by our principal merchants and business men of making another effort to induce the Government of British Columbia to establish a Gold Escort from the mines, is a step for which they deserve credit and the most cordial support from the public of both colonies. No better evidence could be afforded of the importance and pressing necessity of the object sought than the unanimity and persistence with which those who are in the best position to form an opinion on the subject, continue to urge its accomplishment. They are acquainted not only with the conditions upon which commerce is successfully carried on the world over, but with the particular requirements of these colonies. Their five years' experience in this country enables them to speak of its wants with a degree of certainty that entitles them to something more than a mere hearing. We all know our gold mines are every day surpassing the most sanguine expectations formed of the richness of their yield. But at the same time we are well aware that the enormous production is not fulfilling its legitimate uses. We know that instead of being added to the circulating medium of the country the greater portion of it lies buried and unemployed during the season when it is most required and could be used to the greatest advantage. Nor is this state of things the exception. We are to all intents and purposes little better off than we were three years ago. In fact things, if anything, may be said to be worse. Instead of our trade with the upper country becoming a cash business, as it ought to be in a country like this, it is from the very necessity of the thing, one of too long a credit. And this is not, as in many other countries, because up-country merchants are unable to pay, but simply because they are unable to bring with a sufficient degree of safety. We send them goods. In return we expect not goods but gold to balance accounts. This balance of accounts is deferred an unnecessarily long time. But for these goods which we have sent away, on at least the greater portion of them, we must account to our creditors in San Francisco or elsewhere. If money does not come from the upper country as it ought, to enable us to remit below, why we must only abstract the requisite amount from the circulating medium of the lower country. The results of this are evident. The drain is often too great. More money is wanted than can conveniently be spared, business is consequently cramped, and people suffer generally. This same state of things would happen in any commercial community did the same or like causes operate which obtain here.

We can easily fancy what would be the result in England, supposing that she were constantly sending out her merchandise to her largest customers, without receiving for a great length of time either money or its equivalent from them in return. There is not the slightest doubt but that even there, with all her wealth, a most unfavorable influence would be felt. How very much worse must it be with a young country struggling into existence without the aid of the accumulated wealth of generations? If the causes we have just mentioned have a depressing influence upon the well-established commerce of other countries, how can we expect that our trade shall be otherwise than greatly retarded? How can we hope that our merchants will be in a position to properly assist in the development of the country? Next year, without doubt, we shall have a most extensive immigration—far in excess, indeed, of any previous year. Do we wish to see a reaction take place, such, for instance, as that of last summer? Or rather is it not to our interest that ample supplies of provisions be forwarded to Cariboo before the ensuing summer and winter, so as to anticipate the requirement of the coming influx? It is not next spring that preparations are to be made—it must be done in advance, if we would not have our miners driven out by famine prices. But can we expect that our merchants are going to forward goods for that purpose when they cannot at once receive pay for what they have already sent up? Under present circumstances they no doubt consider they have done as much as they would be justified in doing, or as they can afford in the absence of regular remittances from their up-country customers. It cannot be expected that they should stand an enormous drain of everything going out and nothing coming in. There is no encouragement for them to do so. But were things otherwise—were there a good escort in operation, making trips say once a fortnight, we might well reasonably look for a rapid change for the better in commercial matters. The influx of gold from the upper country would soon make itself felt in the increased freedom of movement of every branch of business, not only in Victoria, but along all the routes to the mines. People would not then, through tightness of the money market, be obliged to lie on their oars during the whole summer, the very season during which they ought to be busily employed. It has been said that the miners do not want an escort. Now, we do not believe this to be the case. We do not consider them, by any means, fools. They know the value of money as well as other people. They know they can invest any quantity of it upon the best of security in the lower country, at between one and three per cent. a month. Is it to be supposed, then, that they would keep their gold buried and guarded in Cariboo for five or six months in the year if they could only send it down here in safety for deposit, at interest or for investment? The cost of transmuting gold by escort, it is said, is more, than miners are willing to pay. The slightest consideration, however, must show that this could not operate as an obstacle to their employing that means of transmitting their money, provided it is only safe. It is well known that no gold is brought down in any considerable quantity even by the owner, except at nearly, if not at quite, as great an expense as the escort would be likely to charge. Precious as it is, there is no more troublesome freight than this same lure which we are all in search of. Even if the escort charges were higher than it could be brought down in the fall, for the difference could easily be made up by the interest the gold would earn during the interval.

We do not enter upon the question how an escort is to be constituted. We cannot see that it presents the slightest difficulties, or anything that cannot be easily surmounted. But the necessity for the measure we cannot avoid seeing. The duty of the Government

in the matter is plain. They should regard its establishment as equally necessary for the development of the country with the system of roads which they are establishing. Roads are useless unless property of all kinds can be safely and rapidly transmitted over them at all times. These conditions are not fulfilled, and cannot be, by the British Columbian roads, without an efficient gold escort. Having this, there could be no doubt but a vast increase of traffic of every description would take place between the mines and the lower country, and the revenue of the Government, consequently, be very much greater than could otherwise be hoped for. The Executive of British Columbia cannot, therefore, without neglecting an obvious duty, refuse to entertain the project which they have been so long and so often asked to carry out.

When the importance of establishing a gold escort was first pressed upon the attention of the Executive, the deputations were told that it was the absence of funds which prevented the Government from entertaining the project; not any disbelief in the necessity or practicability of the undertaking. When a capitalist offered to advance the money, the offer was not accepted, on the ground of possessing no authority to borrow or pledge the credit of the country for a paltry sum not exceeding \$50,000. But the impression was made upon the minds of the public that if the Imperial Government authorized the additional loan of \$250,000, the Government would be prepared to undertake the escort. The loan has been authorized; but, strange to say, the Government are undecided; or, perhaps, to speak more correctly, say they have other use for the \$250,000. This is very strange conduct, to say the least. It may be possible to explain it satisfactorily; but, till it is so explained, it assumes the character of a temporizing policy, designed to postpone from time to time the reasonable expectations of the public, till the summer is spent, the mining season closed, and agitation hopeless. It is as difficult to discover why such a policy should obtain, as to understand why there should be any hesitation on the part of the Government to take so small a responsibility as the establishment at once of a Gold Escort.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**WANTED**  
Thoroughly Experienced AXE MEN.  
Apply to-day, between the hours of 10 and 1, at  
ANDERSON & CO'S  
Wharf street  
m16

## AUCTION.

TO-MORROW,  
**TUESDAY, May 19th,**

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

**DANIEL SCOTT**  
WILL SELL

**AT AUCTION**  
The Balance Stock of a Retail Draper, removed to Store for convenience of Sale.

—COMPRISING—  
Velveten Coats, Doeskin Coats,  
Pants, Shirts, Blankets,  
ETC., ETC.  
—ALSO—

In front of Store at commencement of Sale,  
**Two or more PACK HORSES.**

**Lime! Lime! Lime!!**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING** been appointed by Mr. Clark as Agent for his

**CELEBRATED LIME,**  
is now prepared to fill orders.

All orders left at the office will be punctually attended to at the

**LOWEST MARKET RATE,**  
FREE OF CARTAGE OR OTHER EXPENSES  
W. CULVERWELL,  
Yates street.  
m18 1m



**NOTICE.**  
**ALL PERSONS HOLDING REAL ESTATE** in the District of Victoria, North and South Spanish and Lake, and Haida, under Act 15th, to perform statute labour who are willing to compound according to the provisions of such Act for the labour which they are respectively liable to perform under such Act, are hereby notified that they must call at the office of Thomas Swainwick, Assessor and Collector for the above District, and pay the amount for which they are liable on or before the 20th day of May, 1863.

JOHN TOD,  
Chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners.  
m18 1t

**New Bricks!**  
FOR SALE.

Apply to  
J. MASON, at the Brick Yard,  
or G. MASON, at the Identical,  
WHARF & YATES STREETS.  
m18 1t

**NOTICE.**  
**ALL PERSONS HAVING ANY BILLS** against steamer "Emily Harris" up to date, will please send them in to the office of Mr. Thos. Harris, Wharf street, without delay for settlement.  
Victoria, 18th May, 1863.  
m18 1w

**TO HOTEL & RESTAURANT KEEPERS**  
Grocers, etc.

**ABOUT TWENTY TONS VERY FINE**  
Potatoes in good sacks.  
For sale low, in lots to suit by  
TODD, TURNER & CO.,  
Langley street.  
m18 2w

**WILSON & MILES**  
Will open their

**ELEGANT NEW SALOON,**  
At the corner of  
Government and Humboldt Streets,  
On SATURDAY, 16th May, 1863.

And invite all their friends and acquaintances to give them a call.

The finest French Wines, Ales, Liquors and Cigars constantly on hand.  
m16 1t

**G. VIGNOLO & CO.,**  
No. 2 Reid's Block, Wharf street

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN  
Groceries and Provisions  
—ALSO—  
Importers and Agents for the best brands of French Wines and Liquors, and receive direct shipments of Havana Cigars by every Steamer.  
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## AUCTION.

**Wednesday, May 20,**

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

**ON CITY WHARF,**

**FOOT OF YATES STREET,**

**SUGARS.**

2,000 kegs Sandwich Islands Sugar,

Assorted brands and qualities.

1,000 mats Sandwich Islands Sugar,

Assorted qualities

THE ABOVE WILL BE SOLD ON A

**LIBERAL CREDIT,**

Full Particulars of which will be given previous to the Sale.

Catalogues will be Ready on the Morning of Sale.

**J. A. McCREA,**

AUCTIONEER.

**VICTORIA THEATRE.**

**MONDAY Evening May 18,**

Under the Patronage of  
COMMODORE SPENCER, R. N.,  
Who has kindly given the TOPAZE BAND permission to perform on this occasion.

**COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT**  
Tendered by the Amateurs to

**MISS CARRIE HOWARD,**

Who will on this occasion make her last appearance this season in Victoria.

The Amateurs, who have kindly volunteered their services, will appear in favorite characters. And Miss Howard trusts that the entertainment selected will merit and receive a liberal share of patronage.

**ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 18th,**

The entertainment will commence with the Petite Comedy of

**Perfection or the MAID of MUNSTER.**

Between the Pieces

**GRAND MUSICAL OLIO.**

To conclude with the laughable Burletta of

**BETSY BAKER.**

37 Doors open at half past 7; Performances commencing at half past 8 o'clock.

**PRICE OF ADMISSION—**As usual, Dress Circle and Parquette \$1; Pit, 50 cents; Private Boxes, 25 and 50.

The Box Sheet and Plan of the Theatre are left at Messrs. Gentile & Co's, Fort Street, where tickets can be procured and seats secured.

**GOOD CLEAN PULU**

**Beds, 25 cts.**

EACH, PER NIGHT, AT THE  
**RED EL DORADO,**

**CHEAP JOHN'S, YATES ST.**

**STEWART, MELDRUM & CO.,**

Commission Merchants

**VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND**

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The Bank of British Columbia, Victoria, V. I. Messrs. Fisker Ben & Co., San Francisco.

Duncan Jas. Kay, Esq., Messrs. Kay, Finlay & Co. London.

T. W. L. Mackean, Esq., Chairman Bank of British Columbia, London.

Alexander J. Stewart, Esq., W. S. Edinburgh.

**F. STEMMER & CO.,**

Government st, near Fort, Victoria, V. I.

**PRACTICAL UPHOLSTERERS**

—AND—

**PAPER HANGERS.**

Buy to inform that they have now on hand a large and choice selection of

**Paper Hangings;**

Oil Cloth, Carpets, Matting;

Oil Table Covers;

Damask for Curtains,

Cornices and Curtain Bands;

Brown Cotton;

Bed Ticking;

Spring, Hair, Moss, and Palm Mat-trasses.

Also: They are prepared to execute all kinds of work pertaining to the business viz.:

Sofas and Lounges made and repaired;

Sewing and Laying Carpets;

Fixing Window Curtains and Cornices;

Hanging Papers;

At the shortest notice, and in the most approved styles.

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**A. J. BRUNN**

**FASHIONABLE**

**TAILOR.**

A. J. BRUNN OFFERS TO THE PUB

ALEXANDER'S KID GLOVES, FINE LINEN COLLARS, WHITE AND FANCY NECK

TIES, SCARFS AND HANDKERCHIEFS.

Firemen's White Buckskin Gloves.

FIREMEN'S RED UNIFORM SHIRTS.

**JOCKEY AND REGATTA CAPS,**

SCOTLAND'S best Balmoral and Glenary Caps, with and without Fronts.

**Fine and Heavy Clothing.**

For Dress, Travel and Work.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## AUCTION.

**THIS DAY,**

**MONDAY, May 18th,**

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

**I AM DIRECTED TO SELL AT**

**MY SALESROOM,**

**TO CLOSE CONSIGNMENTS.**

**100 mats China Sugar.**

**76 kegs Boston Syrup, 5 gall.**

**5 cases California Bacon.**

**200 mats, No. 1, China Rice.**

**50 boxes Candles.**

THE ABOVE WILL BE SOLD ON A

**LIBERAL CREDIT.**

AFTER WHICH

**FOR CASH.**

Will be sold a General Assortment of

**GROCERIES**

—AND—

**PREPARATIONS:**

**J. A. McCREA,**

AUCTIONEER.

**HEYWOOD'S**

**PORK SAUSAGES.**

From the Yorkshire Market

Dealer in all kinds of **SALT MEATS.**

Genuine Yorkshire Hams;

Celebrated Westphalia Hams;

St. Clair's Bellfort Hams;

Victoria (V. I.) Sugar Cured Hams;

Puget Sound Hams;

Oregon Hams;

California Hams;

Dutched Cincinnati Hams;

Heywood's Sugar Cured Brakist Bacon.

Smoked and Pickled Tongues.

Pure Lard and C.

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**THE ATTENTION**

—OF—

**Wholesale Purchasers**

IS CALLED TO THE FOLLOWING  
very choice lot of goods, to arrive per

**FUSI YAMA:**

Complete assortment of Baby Linen,

Ladies' Underclothing and Japans, of latest styles,

Trimmed Bonnets and Hats, Garibaldi Jackets,

Ladies' and Children's Hosiery and Gloves,

Famoudered Collars, Sleeves, Flouncing and

Edgings,

Stitched Cambric Handkerchiefs, Lace Falls,

Ball Dresses, Hair Nets, Shawls, Mantles, Dresses,

Blankets, Prints, Haberdashery,

Photographic Albums, Portraits, &c.

**GENTLEMEN'S**

HOSIERY, GLOVES, TIES, COLLARS,

SHIRTS, COATS, TROUSERS, &c.

The above have been very carefully selected, and

PURCHASED FOR CASH from the

**FIRST LONDON HOUSES.**

FOR SALE BY

**J. H. TURNER,**

Langley Street,

(Harrison's old store, rear of Theatre

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**Wanted Immediately.**

**TWENTY MEN**

TO BOARD AT THE

**Overland Restaurant**

**BROAD STREET.**

**RATES:**

BOARD AND LODGING—Per Week.....\$5 00

Do Do Per Day.....1 00

DINNER.....30 Cts

BREAKFAST AND SUPPER.....20 Cts

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**FORTUNE & MORROW.**

**NOTICE TO ALL**

**GREAT AND SMALL,**

**That T. P. Freeman**

**AT THE PIONEER VARIETY STORE,**

**ON WADDINGTON ALLEY,**

Continues to sell at prices very low

THE PUBLIC KNOW WELL:

**MINING SHOVELS**

**DO PICKS**

**DO PAWS**

**KNIVES AND FORKS;**

**TABLE AND TEASPOONS,**

**PLATED WARE;**

**TIN DO;**

**FRYING PANS;**

**AXES, HATCHETS;**

**GUNS, PISTOLS;**

**ROLES, HAND SAWS**

**CROCKERY WARE;**

**GLASS DO;**

**FRAYS, PLAINES, CHISEL**

**LOOKING GLASSES;**

**CROSS CUT SAWS;**

**RAT AND MOUSE TRAPS;**

**NAILS, TACKS;**

Monday Morning, May 18, 1863.

For interesting Miscellaneous Reading Matter, see first and fourth pages.

## AUCTION.

**DUKE WILLIAMS WILL BE GIVEN** a large quantity of Dry Goods, to arrive at the Auctioneers' Office, on Friday, May 22nd, at 11 o'clock. Particulars and descriptions of the goods can be had on application to any of the Auctioneers.

J. A. McCREA, Auctioneer.

## AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

J. A. McCREA will sell at 11 o'clock a.m., at his Sale Room, Wharf street, a quantity of Groceries and Provisions, including Sugar, Syrup, Bacon, Rice, Candles, &c.

P. M. BACKUS will sell at 11 a.m., on the premises, all the Kitchen, Dining Room, and Chamber Furniture in the one-story cottage back of Mr. Leigh's house, James Bay.

## British Columbia.

We take the following from the *British Columbian*:

The splendid new steamer "Prince of Wales," built by Golding & Co., to run on Tennes and Lilloet Lakes, made her trial trip on Wednesday, giving entire satisfaction. A serious accident happened just before she left the dock. Mr. Manning, who was employed in painting the steamer, got his leg entangled in the machinery, taking his foot clean off. Dr. Sylvester, of Douglas, was called in and performed amputation above the ankle joint. On account of the accident, the steamer did not run through, but was to have done so on the following day. Mr. Manning was formerly a resident of this city.

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The steamer Hope returned from Yale on Thursday night, having made the round trip in 33 hours, the quickest trip we believe, on record.

It will be observed by a reference to our advertising columns, that the Yale Spring Meeting takes place on Monday week, the 25th inst. The programme is a very attractive one, and the prizes as liberal as usual.

The contract for building the new Presbyterian Church in this city, has been awarded to Mr. H. Mansum. It is to be completed in September next.

The annual fire is again raging in the woods in the rear of this city. Cordwood, in considerable quantities, and some shingles have been consumed thereby.

HOVE DOWN.—Some gentlemen, while walking in Government street yesterday morning, were startled by hearing a loud rumbling noise proceeding from the upper regions of a hotel. They approached the door to ascertain the cause, when suddenly a man appeared shooting head foremost down the stairs, in a refreshingly cool state of undress. He announced his arrival at the bottom of the stairs, but made no attempt to pick himself up. One of the astonished spectators ventured to rouse him, and asked "if he was hurt," and "how he came to take such a header?" The lightly-dressed gentleman upon this rolled over, and, leaning on his elbow, replied coolly, "I didn't fall here at all; I was hove down!" When the spectators left, he was endeavoring to ascertain the number of bumps on the back of his head by counting the stairs.

FROM SALT SPRING.—The schooner Carolina, Jemmy Jones, arrived yesterday from Salt Spring Island, with a cargo of stone to Lee & Co. The Indians had all left, when they arrived there, and a native who came over to the quarry told them that the greater part had gone to the mouth of the Chemainus River. He also said that all those who had been engaged in the attack on the Forward, had scattered, and returned to their several tribes. Galiano Island was completely deserted. The "Carolina" passed the "Devastation" and "Forward" on Saturday morning, close to Galiano Island, and the "Champlain" towards evening, near Plumper's Pass.

MISS CARRIE HOWARD'S BENEFIT.—The theatre promises to be the place of attraction to-night. A large number of people have already evinced their determination to support Miss Howard by taking tickets for her benefit, and we predict for her a reception that will be gratifying in every point of view. The excellent brass band of the Trepaze, under their able leader, will enliven the evening by performing some favorite selections of music between the pieces.

DISGRISTING.—A female rejoicing in a goubriquet as unbecomingly as her face, was yesterday marshalled to the Police Court in shambled deshabille. She was quite intoxicated and had been apprehended for creating a disturbance in the streets. A creditable scene for passers by to witness on Sunday morning.

PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL.—The memorial from the principal merchants in our city, reference to which was made in our last issue, was presented to Governor Douglas on Saturday. We understand that the reputation had a satisfactory interview with his Excellency, and we trust we may soon have to announce the gold escort to Cariboo as a *fait accompli*.

FROM COWICHAN.—The sloop Louise, Thorne, arrived from Cowichan on Saturday night, bringing two passengers. She reports the Indians as being perfectly quiet there. Everything is looking very flourishing. The settlers at Lem's place are getting up a regatta to do honor to the Queen's birthday.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Governor Douglas arrived from the river on Saturday, with a few passengers and a small amount of treasure. The steamer Otter, going down yesterday morning, bringing several passengers and \$30,000 in gold. Her news will be found elsewhere.

POLICE COURT.—A Thompson Indian was convicted of breaking windows on Saturday and sentenced to a fine of \$5 or four days imprisonment.

The sloop Venus, Thornton, arrived from San Juan yesterday, with two passengers. The schooner Anne brought 189 barrels of lime from the island on Saturday.

SAILED.—The bark Cambridge, Captain Brooks, bound for Portland, was towed out of the harbor by the steamer Emily Harris on Saturday.

SHOT.—The large panther which has been such a nuisance lately, was shot on Friday night by a son of Mr. Tol, of Oak Bay.

FROM SAATCHI.—The schooner Matilda, Boyle, arrived yesterday from Sayward's mill, with 40,000 feet of lumber.

The schooner North Star sailed yesterday for Nanaimo.

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## FURTHER FROM CARIBOO.

Arrival of the steamer at \$30,000 in Treasure.

The steamer Otter arrived at 5 a. m. yesterday, bringing about \$30,000 in gold—by Express and private hands.

Among the passengers was Mr. James F. Gerald, who left Williams Creek on the 3rd of May, and came down by the way of Lightning and the Forks of Quesnelle.

## LIGHTNING CREEK.

Mr. Gerald reports that Mr. Dietz and Mr. Geo. Nye had both struck good prospects in the hill at Lightning—there were about 100 men on that hill. Snow and ice about 3 feet deep but was thawing very fast. The water had risen considerably, but had not caused any very serious inconvenience to mining operations.

The California Company were cleaning out flames and getting ready for work. The two Dutch, and other companies were also making preparations.

Provisions were sufficient for the demand. Flour was at 90 cents. Bacon from \$1 to \$1.25. Beans at 90 cents. Beef, 45 to 50 cents. No mutton in the market. Sugar was scarce, ruling at \$1.50. Tobacco same as on Williams Creek. Tea and coffee also the same. Molasses, \$1.50 per gallon. Honey \$5 per can. Oysters in this date. Butter, very scarce, was up to \$4.50 per lb.

## WILLIAMS CREEK.

On Williams Creek most of the claims had been taken out about the same quantity of gold as usual, with the exception of the "Black Jack" claim, which was doing well. The Cameron Co. were also doing well at all appearances; the claims in that Company are held at a high figure, as well as all other claims, whether respected or not, which are supposed to be on the local, such as the Caledonian, Caliban, and others. Prices range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the interest. The Canadian working one week, work was reported at \$3,700. On account of interest, and the fact that about the same time, our informant had this from partners in the claim. The Foster Campbell Co. would go to work the week after Mr. Gerald left. The Cornish Co. were clearing the snow off their claims, but they were not of ground mining. This was thought to be a good claim. Some shafts had been sunk in the hill side and those interested had great confidence in the result, but none had as yet got down. The Welsh Co., which lately struck it, was paying well. Steel, Abbot, Cunningham, Green and Adam's were all clearing out their flumes and getting ready for operations.

Mining was going on above Richfield. McNeill and Co. had their shaft sunk down, and there were several other Companies at work getting down shafts and making general preparations. A number who held claims there had just arrived and would commence on the following week. By this time they must be at work from the head to the foot of the creek.

## LOWMEAD AND THE OTHER CREEKS.

At Lowmead, where the shaft sunk 100 hands, employed opening claims, sawing lumber, and making other preparations.

There were not many men on the other creeks, but miners were met on the way to Nelson, Last Chance, and the rest.

Up to the time our informant left, there was employment for nearly all—wages ruling at from \$10 to \$16 a day. Those not employed were too lazy to work, or to use a miner's phrase, "I didn't feel like to go to work, they would let it burn."

## TRADE, PRICES AND STOCKS.

Trade on the creeks was brisk. Lumber was scarce at 25 cents per foot. Nails were selling at \$1.50 per lb. Leather boots were \$16 per pair; rubber, \$25. Liquors on Williams Creek, \$23 to \$25 per gallon, but a large supply was at the Forks. Clothing was commanding good prices. Shovels, axes and picks, \$10 each. Axes of good quality, \$1.50 each. Axes of poor quality, \$1.00 each. It was expected by the 10th or 15th June trains would get in and reduce prices of everything. There was a large stock at the Forks of Quesnelle.

## PACKING.

Brady & Co. were pushing their goods through as far as the snow would permit by animals. Mr. Gerald learned that he expected to get them in as far as Snowshoe. The snow was so soft that it was impossible to pack in by men any further.

Davis was also reported to be pushing goods through as far as possible.

On the way down two trains were met at Bear Pass, the first being a mule train, the other a Cayoose; the latter was owned by Joe Deschamps.

## THE ROAD.

There was considerable snow on the road down to Beaver Pass, and animals would have to be difficult in getting to Van Wink. Below the Pass, there was no snow to speak of, and the trail was very passable.

## GENERAL.

There is quite a lot of springing up at Cottonwood. Wade and Co. have built a fine bridge across the river at this place.

The wood at the mouth of Cottonwood had caught fire, and it was feared at one time that it would not only burn about 500 cords of wood, lying there for the steamers' use, but extend to the town. Through the exertions, however, of Messrs. Brown, Keyer, and others, it was kept off from the town, and much damage was thus avoided.

George O'Reilly was at Cottonwood on the 8th.

Wright's new steamboat "Enterprise" was successfully launched at the Four Mile Creek, where she was built. Capt. Wright expected to get up steam the same afternoon or in the morning, and to start for the mouth of Quesnelle. The steamer is a beautiful model, reflecting great credit on her builder, Mr. Quine. Her dimensions are: Length, 110 feet; beam, 12 feet; draft, 2 feet; two-inch cylinders, with 3 feet stroke. She will run from Soda Creek to the mouth of Quesnelle, this saving about 65 miles land travel. Capt. Quine, who superintended her construction, would leave for the mouth of Quesnelle on the 10th or 15th June, and would be getting ready to put in a large crop of work on Deep Creek by progressing extensively. He had about 20 hands employed ploughing, harrowing, fencing, etc., and intended to put 150 acres of grain under cultivation, and would also raise a quantity of vegetables.

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## Syllabus on the Celebration of the 24th May.

Europe. BRITISH COLONIST.—Sir.—In the *Chronicle* today, with reference to celebrating the forthcoming 24th of May, I find this enquiry: "What are (Query—is) the Corporation about?" As one of a body of tradesmen, selected (as it seems to me) expressly as a large and solid Corporation, may fire its heaviest taxation artillery, I feel it my duty to object to that august body having anything to do with the matter; because, if the enormous taxation imposed, is necessary, it is clear that the City has nothing to spare by way of appropriation—and as to the presence of the Corporation in any procession, or at any gathering of the people, I think the effect would scarcely be a lively one. I tax-payers generally, and I am sure, I am not an individual of that body, but that my mind reverts to the small amount of change left in my Cash Box—I begin pondering on "Ways and Means," or so become melancholy for the remainder of the day.

As an Englishman, I yield to none in loyalty, and think that the day of the anniversary of the birth of our Queen, should be held as one of great rejoicing by a British subject. But, but, but, the Corporation, in its own right, is a body of tradesmen, and its presence at a public gathering, would be a disgrace to the Corporation, and a disgrace to the City.

I remain, Yours, etc.,

A Card.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—In your notice of the "Liberal Donations" there occurs a slight mistake, which may perhaps lead to a great misunderstanding. Instead of my name being connected with a few warm friends, it should have been stated there was never an affair in which a more general interest was manifested. There is scarcely a man, woman or child, which are supposed to be in the city, who has not contributed to the fund, in making up the donations. By inserting this correction, you will confer a favor, and oblige

PETER LESTER.

## LETTER FROM LONDON.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Concluded.

London, March 28, 1863

## EMIGRATION OF COTTON SPINNERS.

In connection with the state of affairs in Lancashire and the improbability of any adequate supply of cotton to get the mills at work again, emigration is much talked of.

An appeal has been made to the Million Home and Central Committees for a portion of the funds contributed by the benevolent for the relief of the operatives, in order to send the most deserving, or rather the most likely to succeed, to the colonies.

These committees have, however, as yet, declined to give any portion of the funds for such a purpose. The local government of Canterbury, New Zealand, have sent over £10,000 to assist in sending emigrants to that settlement, but the sum is not to be used for the purpose of emigration, but for the purpose of the British public contribute towards the outfit of a certain number. It was with the view of meeting this moderate demand that appeals were made to the local Mayors and Councils of the colonies. The cotton in Lancashire are the chief objects of the emigration scheme. They can easily foresee that should we obtain the raw material, they would (were any large proportion of the hands to emigrate) have to replace the wages of those emigrants. This is rather a selfish view of the case; but I fear they are actuated by that base motive to some extent. Matters, however, have come to such a pass with the cotton operatives that they must find employment, either in the colonies or in other parts of the empire, or remain idle for a long time to come, paupers in Lancashire. The fact is, the British dominions require every few years to be drained of its surplus population, and this is not a very pleasant prospect, but it becomes a matter of necessity for us to go off in swarms from the parent eye like bees.

Galway Sunday Job.

You will be interested in reading the account of the proceedings in Parliament of yesterday week, concerning the Galway company, which has been so very clearly and fully set forth in our columns.

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IN 12,500 SHARES, OF \$100 EACH, WITH POWER TO INCREASE.

GOLD DUST AND BARS Purchased, Advances made upon the same.

Received on Commission, and discount of

